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HB 330

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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Federal Regulation, Energy and Telecommunications Committee:

We are writing to request your support of HB 330, which would enable cities and counties to own and operate wind production facilities in this state. We have committed our local resources to a nine-month old process to become eligible for the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds program, sponsored last year by Senator Baucus. If HB 330 does not pass, all of that effort will be for not, as we need the authority to own these facilities before we can move forward in this process of discovery.

Our communities are constantly struggling to cover the increasing demands of our constituents. Wind is rich resource in our area; and we would like to have the opportunity to explore its potential benefit to meet our revenue needs. If our projects are not feasible from an economic, engineering, or financial standpoint, we will not proceed. However, we need this enabling legislation in order to pursue the answers to those issues.

Thank you for supporting this critical opportunity for our communities!

Sincerely,

Sweet Grass County Commissioners

Rick Reed, Commissioner

SB/cc: Senator Esp

Representative Bergren

